

# LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Regular Meeting

February 11, 2019

**Present: Rebecca Wood, Chairman; Roy Hubert, Commissioner; Rick Ellis, Commissioner; Brenda Farnworth, Clerk for Minutes.**

9:30am Chairman Wood called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Claims, Minutes

**Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept the minutes for February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the Indigent claims for \$300.00. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to pay the claims for \$12,895.20. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

9:45am Old Business/Correspondence.

Received and reviewed a report on the State Endowment lands. Some Counties do not agree with the State Endowment lands because at times it takes taxable property off the County tax rolls. Discussion on public lands.

Wood River Soil Conservation District is holding their annual dinner and meeting on March 7, 2019 at the Gooding County Fairgrounds meeting room at 201 Lucy Lane, Gooding. Bring your favorite dessert. Commissioner Ellis and Chairman Wood will attend.

Discussion on Marcy's Law and update received at the legislative conference last week.

10:00am Emergency Management

Payson attended the LEPC Meeting in Jerome County and learned a lot about their processes and would like the speaker to come and present to Lincoln County LEPC.

WebEOC Training was held on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Shoshone Highway has gotten on Board with the WebEOC tool and have begun using it.

Chairman Wood will be signing up for the ICS 402 Class.

Attended an Everbridge Mass Notification workshop at SIRCOMM and how it can be another tool for public notification.

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Discussion on grant opportunities for the coming year. Clerk Farnworth mentioned that the Secretary of State's office told the clerks the Counties could qualify for emergency grants to cover upgrades to computers and internets to protect from Cybersecurity issues. Payson noted that the potential grants will be due in May or June. Clerk Farnworth requested that Payson get in touch with her when he is starting that process to discuss with our IT Services what we might need.

LEPC Meetings will now be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, every other month at 11:00am. The next meeting will be on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

FEMA grant for the Community Center generator needed more information and that was submitted. With the government shutdown, all grant applications have been delayed. Discussion on the cost of the generator.

Compiling a list of supplies and equipment to stand up an Emergency Operations Center if needed.

No call outs this month.

10:14am Old Business

Neher Park grant has been submitted and we should know whether it is approved by the middle of March. Also, the other piece of property that would be a potential addition to parks and Chairman Wood will be in contact with them.

The Courthouse Committee will be meeting each Wednesday at 6pm, in the Commissioner trailer. The first meeting to be this Wednesday. A Commissioner will be present for the meeting at the following schedule:

February 13 – Chairman Wood and Commissioner Hubert

February 20 - Commissioner Hubert

February 27 - Commissioner Ellis

10:30am Annual Juvenile Justice Report

Discussion on the recitivism rate and the programs in place to help. Discussion on the diversion program and how it works.

Review of the County statistics.

Linda Boguslawski would like to hire a temporary part-time office assistance to fill in until she is able to hire. Discussion.

**Chairman Wood made a motion to allow Linda to hire a part time secretarial position for up to 15 hours a week until she can fill her probation position. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

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11:00am Carleen Herring – Region IV Development

Carleen presented the Board orientation material and an overview of Region IV Development. Region IV has been around since the early 1970's. They help with small business lending and public infrastructure projects.

Discussion on the ongoing projects and talking about problem solutions. Discussion on the housing problems in the area.

Discussion on bringing in more industry to the County. One of the stumbling blocks is the County has no industrial zoning. Discussion on utilities and the availability for industry. Discussion on the lack of availability of natural gas in areas that are potential industrial development.

Discussion on the possibility of companion industry that would complement the Glanbia plant in Richfield.

Discussion on Lincoln County being a partner with Blaine County to put in affordable housing in the north end of the county. There is plenty of affordable land, but there seems to be a road block in the grants when they have to drive to work. Carleen is meeting with Blaine County next week and will bring up this issue.

Carleen suggested some ideas of maybe home-owners associations to work together with the gas company to bring gas to the homes in the area.

Discussion on the wish list for grants that the County turned in to Region IV. Need to add an addition to the Care Center to the list.

November 22<sup>nd</sup> is when the next block grant is due. Need figures in September. Discussion on getting a grant. The County would need to contribute at least 35%-37%. Discussion on putting in for a grant to add more private rooms to the Care Center. Discussion on the changes that were made during the grant upgrade in 2015.

Region IV is changing the way they are servicing the communities based on the feed back from the County Commissioners in the District.

CDBG Park grants are due in September, especially for ADA things. It is a match grant, but not a set %. Could look into this for some of the ADA additions to the Neher Park.

11:30am Review of IAC Legislative Conference.

Chairman Wood attended the discussion on building codes, and we could remodel one floor of the old courthouse without having to bring the entire building up to building code.

Discussion on new legislation. Discussion on benefit packages from other counties. IAC has a new County Personnel Sample Policy and we should look at.

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11:48am New Verizon Contract

Under Sheriff found out that with the new body cams there is an app that can be loaded onto phones as a companion to the body cams, our current phones do not support the app. He went to Verizon Wireless to discuss the issue. They provided us with a new quote that will upgrade all the County phones except one and will save us on each line expense as well. Discussion.

**Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept the phone proposal from Verizon as presented by Under Sheriff Phillips. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Discussion, this will upgrade all the phones and reduce the monthly line fees on all the phones. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.**

Discussion on approving an upfront deposit for money to purchase the materials for the maintenance yard fencing. All agreed.

Discussion on getting a simple construction contract that covers the money down and states the date of completion and the entire contract. Clerk Farnworth will check on a form.

Discussion on some changes to the bid.

12:04pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

1:00pm Chairman Wood re-convened the meeting.

**Commissioner Hubert made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(d) – Exempt Records. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Vote; Commissioner Ellis, aye, Commissioner Hubert, aye; Chairman Wood, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.**

2:10pm Chairman Wood adjourned the Executive Session and re-convened the regular meeting.

Grant writing – Jessica Rossow

Jessica reviewed the Neher Park Grant and gave suggestions for additional information on the grant.

She helps the City with grants and has gotten a couple of grants approved for them. She also is helping the Recreation District with grants.

She presented the Commissioners with a resume of projects she has done. She would like to help the County with overseeing projects and grant writing. Discussion. Commissioners will take this under consideration for future needs.

2:30pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting to Planning & Zoning.

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4:00pm Chairman Wood reconvened the regular meeting.

**Chairman Wood made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(b) Personnel. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote; Commissioner Ellis, aye; Commissioner Hubert, aye; Chairman Wood, aye. Vote unanimous in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.**


4:05pm Chairman Wood adjourned the Executive Session and re-convened the regular meeting.

4:15pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,  
Brenda Farnworth, Clerk

  
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Rebecca Wood, Chairman

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Brenda Farnworth, Clerk